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GOVERNMENT OF ARUNACHAL PRADESH DEPARTMENT OF HOME CIVIL SECRETARIAT ITANAGAR

NOTIFICATION

The 28th June, 2024

No. HOME-12026/2/2024.—In exercise of the powers conferred under Section 356 of the Bharatiya Nagrik Suraksha sanhita, the Governor of Arunachal Pradesh is pleased to declare a Proclaimed Offender under Section 84 (1) of the BNSS, 2023 whether or not charged jointly, has absconded to evade trial and there is no immediate prospect of arresting him, it shall be deemed to operate as a waiver of the right of such person to be present and tried in person, and the Court shall, after recording reasons in writing, in the interest of justice, proceed with the trial in the like manner and with like effect as if he was present, under this Sanhita and pronounce the judgment.

Provided that the Court shall not commence the trial unless a period of ninety days has lapsed from the date of framing of the charge.

- (2) The Court shall ensure that the following procedure has been complied with before proceeding under sub-section (1) namely:-
 - (i) issuance of execution of two consecutive warrants of arrest within the interval of at least thirty days;
 - (ii) publish in a national or local daily newspaper circulating in the place of his last known address of residence, requiring the proclaimed offender to appear before the Court for trial and informing him that in case he fails to appear within thirty days from the date of such publication, the trial shall commence in his absence;
 - (iii) inform his relative or friend, if any, about the commencement of the trial; and
 - (iv) affix information about the commencement of the trial on some conspicuous part of the house or homestead in which such person ordinarily resides and display in the police station of the district of his last known address of residence.
- (3) Where the proclaimed offender is not represented by any advocate, he shall be provided with an advocate for his defence at the expense of the State.
- (4) Where the Court, competent to try the case or commit for trial, has examined any witnesses for prosecution and recorded their depositions, such depositions shall be given in evidence against such proclaimed offender on the inquiry into, or in trial for, the offence with which he is charged :

Provided that if the proclaimed offender is arrested and produced or appears before the Court during such trial, the Court may, in the interest of justice, allow him to examine any evidence which may have been taken in his absence.

This notification shall come into force with effect from 1st July, 2024.

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